

Circuit House at Kolar City

363. SRI M. ABDUL LATHEEF (Kolar).—Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is not a fact that accommodation at the Travellers Bungalow at Kolar is inadequate;

(b) if so, whether the Government intend to construct a Circuit House at Kolar City which is a District Headquarter and if so, when?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) There is no proposal to take up the construction of Circuit House at present at Kolar, mainly due to shortage of funds.

SRI M. ABDUL LATHEEF.—In view of the very difficult situation in the district headquarters will the Minister promise to include this work in the Budget?

† SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—Government will consider it.

SRI C. M. ARMUGAM.—What is the cost of a Circuit House at Kolar?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—If we want to construct a Circuit House of four suits the probable cost would be around Rs. 3 lakhs.

SRI C. M. ARMUGAM.—When the Government has sanctioned Rs. 14 lakhs to the IAS Officers' Club why not the Government sanction Rs. 3 lakhs to the construction of a Circuit House at Kolar?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—Sanctioning of Rs. 14 lakhs to the Officers Club is a different matter altogether.

SRI C. M. ARMUGAM.—When the poor people are suffering for want of food and shelter, you are giving Rs. 14 lakhs to the Officers' Club. Is it fair?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—I am unable to answer that question of sanctioning Rs. 14 lakhs to Officers' Club. So far as this question is concerned, on account of the non-availability of funds, Govt. is not in a position to take up this Circuit House at present. Government will certainly take note of this construction of Circuit House at Kolar in future.

SRI M. ABDUL LATHEEF.—I want to know whether it is in the knowledge of the Government that the existing rooms are very poorly furnished. If so, will the Government sanction at least some amount to furnish the rooms?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—We will take action to furnish the rooms.